

RMLI at Royal Marine Camp San Juan Island 1860

Supernumerary marines (those not assigned to specific ships) were carried on the muster rolls of Royal Navy ships for purposes of pay and issuance of rations. The San Juan contingents usually were found on the rolls of the station flagship. Thus below, the company was first carried by H.M.S. *Ganges*, then by H.M.S. *Bacchante*, *Sutlej* and *Zealous*. Tracking entries across these ships reveals the initial San Juan Island detachment. Of the 83 enlisted men, 53 were below the age of 30, with 13 only 23 and two age 22. The oldest enlisted marine was John Wilson, a 41 year-old private, followed by Private George Alderman, 40, Private John Charlton, 38 and Private George Doidge, 37. Sergeant George Babbage was the oldest non-commissioned officer at 37. Of those who landed on Garrison Bay on March 21, 1860 only Private James Haynes remained when the Marines marched off on November 21, 1872. About half the men were from the West Country, 20 from Devon alone and 12 from Somerset. Six listed Ireland as place of birth and one Scotland.

On the muster rolls, battalion, company and division identify Royal Marines. For more than 150 years to 1884, the Royal Marines consisted of independent companies that were, for convenience, grouped into divisions. In the mid-19th century the divisions were quartered at Chatham, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Woolwich. Officers the ranks of captain and below were commissioned, and other ranks enlisted, into specific companies in which they remained throughout their careers. However, the relationship between a marine and his company/division was purely administrative, much like today's marines wearing identification tags. Ship detachments and shore service battalions were raised ad hoc from amongst the divisional companies. Therefore, a light infantry company might contain men from a dozen different divisional companies and this is how they were identified throughout their careers. Thus on the San Juan list (below) William Crowcomb, was carried as a private in 31 Company of the Plymouth Division, while George Brown was a private in 90 Company of the Portsmouth Division.

*denotes not part of 1st and 2nd battalions dispatched from China

#denotes carried on San Juan Victualing List, HMS *Bacchante*, 1 January – 31 March 1861

%denotes carried on San Juan Victualling List, HMS *Bacchante*, 1 Oct – 31 Dec. 1861

@denotes still on San Juan Victualling List, HMS *Sutlej*, 1 Oct. – 31 Dec. 1865

^denotes still on San Juan Victualling List, HMS *Zealous* 1 Oct. – 31 dec 1871

PO – Portsmouth Division

PL – Plymouth Division

CH – Chatham Division

WO – Woolwich Division

Co. – company enlisted

b. – badge

Also listed Place and year of birth

H.M.S. Ganges 1 Oct. – 31 Dec. 1860

%#J.F. Mitchell, Assistant Surgeon	27Dec60 Bacchante, Sv. at San Juan Island
%John Bremmer, , Assist Paymaster 2 nd Class	24Dec60 Bacchante, Sv. at San Juan Island
%@#Geo. Bazalgette, Captain	27Dec60 Bacchante, Sv. at San Juan Island
% @ #E.C. Sparshott, 2 nd Lt.	
@#H.T.M. Cooper, 1stLieut	
%@#Geo. Babbage, Sergeant, 1 st . (PL), 31 Co., Devon, 1823, 1b. (Colour Sergeant in 1865)	
%#Joseph Bate, Sergeant, 1 st . (PL), 71 Co., Devon, 1833,	
%#Henry Johnstone, Sergeant, 2 nd . (PO), 18 Co., Middlesex,	
John Tearle, Sergeant, 2 nd . (WO), 12 Co., Each, 1828, 2b.	
%#Joseph Major, Corporal, 2 nd . (PL), 55 Co., Devon, 1825, 20.	24Dec60 (promoted Sergeant by Oct 61)
%#John Wilson, Private, 2 nd . (PO), 2 Co., Devon, 1819, 3b.	
%@#George Westall, Private, 1 st (CH), 61 Co., Berkshire, 1827, 1b.	24Dec60
William Hayes, Private, 1 st (CH), 81 Co., Wiltshire, 1836	8May60 San Juan Island
%#Abraham Abbott, Private, 1 st . (WO), 100 Co., Worthing, 1836, 1b	27Dec60 Bacchante, Sv. at San Juan Island
%#George Connor, Private, 1 st (WO), 92 Co., Dublin, 1828, 2b.	
%#John Tomlinson, Private, 1 st . (WO), 60 Co., Leicester, 1836, 1b.	2Dec60
%#George Hobbs, Private, 1 st , (PL), 11 Co., Somerset, 1837	27Dec60
%#Joseph Goddard, Private, 1 st . (PL), 103 Co., Lancaster, 1836	
%#Thomas Cree, Private, 1 st . (PL), 103 Co., Antrim, 1837	
#John Brown, Private, 1 st . (PL), Devon, 23 Co., 1837	
#Thomas Clarke, Private, 1 st . (PL), 35 Co., Armagh, 1835, 1b.	13June60 San Juan Island
%#George Clements, Private, 1 st . (PL), 39 Co., Devon, 1838	27Dec60 Bacchante, Sv. at San Juan Island
John Bryant, Private, 1 st . (PL), 47 Co., Somerset, 1834, 1b.	13June60 San Juan Island
John Adams, Private, 1 st . (PL), 47 Co., Dumbarton, 1837	
%#Alfred Harper, Private, 1 st . (PL), 99 Co., Somerset, 1830, 1b.	27Dec60 Bacchante, Sv. at San Juan Island
%#Thomas Conway, Private, 1 st . (PL), 3 Co., Waterford, 1834, 1b.	
%#*William Davis, Private, (CH), Borks, 1835 (died 7/5/68 Buried RMLI cemetery, SJI)	
%^@#John Cox, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 104 Co., Devon, 1836, 1b.	
%#John Pearce, Private, (PO), Plymouth, Devon,	
%#Phillip Allen, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 11 Co., Wells, Somerset, 1834, 1b.	
%#William Joy, Sergeant, 2 nd . (PO), 94 Co., Dorset, 1826, 1b.	
%#Stephen Canning, Private, 2 nd . (PO), 26 Co., Hampshire, 1827,	
%#Thomas Adams, Private, 2 nd . (PO), 50 Co., Stafford, 1836, 1b.	
%#Thomas Waddington, Private, 2 nd . (PO), 94 Co., Leeds, 1827, 1b.	
%#William Smith, Private, 2 nd (PO), 54 Co., Leicester, 1836, 1b.	
%@#Nehemiah Miles, Private, 2 nd . (PO), 82 Co., Salisbury, Wiltshire, 1827, 1b.	
%#Jabez Hancock, Private, 2 nd . (PO), 18 Co., Stafford, 1837,	
%#William Cottrell, Private, 2 nd . (PO), 101 Co., Walderton, Berkshire, 1837	
%#John Prettyjohn, Colour Sergeant, 2 nd . (PL), 3 Co., Devon, 1833, 3b. (Victoria Cross/Crimea)	
%#John Newbury, Corporal, 1 st ., (WO), 40 Co., Bach, 1837	
#George Hughes, Bugler, 1 st . (PL), 35 Co., Devon, 1837 (Deserted 22Dec1861)	
%#John Charlton, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 7 Co., Charlton, Somerset, 1822, 2b.	
%#George Doidge, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 83 Co., Devon, 1823, 3b.	
%#John Hipwell, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 27 Co., Leicester, 1837	
%#Henry Lewis, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 31 Co., Somerset, 1825, 2b.	
Michael Wheland, Private, 1 st . (PL), 31 Co., Kilkenny, 1826, 2b.	
%#Samuel Clapp, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 35 Co., Somerset, 1831, 1b.	
%#Henry Martin, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 35 Co., Somerset, 1828, 2b.	
%#Daniel Fussell, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 59 Co., Gloucester, 1827, 2b.	
%#George Alderman, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 63 Co., Devon, 1820, 2b.	
%#Henry Phipps, Private, 2 nd . (PL), Hereford, 1825, 1b.	
%#Joseph Ellis, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 91 Co., Devon, 1834, 1b. (Drowned 4/1/63, buried RM cemetery, SAJH)	
%#William Dymond, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 75 Co., Devon, 1835, 1b.	
%#Francis Thyer, Private, 2 nd . (PL), 79 Co., Somerset, 1831, 1b.	

%George Evans, Private, 2nd. (PL), 40 Co., Devon, 1831, 1b.
 %Charles Whitlock, Corporal, 1st. (PO), 26 Co., 1832, 2b.
 %William Gore, Private, 2nd. (PL), 59 Co., Somerset, 1831, 1b.
 %William Crowcomb, Private, 2nd. (PL), 31 Co., Devon, 1835, 1b.
 %Patrick Kelly, Private, 2nd. (PL), 23 Co., Lancashire, 1834
 %James Walters, Private, 2nd. (PO), 74 Co., 1829, 1b.
 %William Birtwhistle, Private, 2nd. (PO), 22 Co., York, 1833
 %George Kellow, Private, 2nd. (PO), 98 Co., Wiltshire, 1837
 %Richard Griffin, Private, 2nd. (PL) 23 Co., Somerset, 1836, 1b.
 %John Turney, Corporal, 2nd. (PO), 6 Co., London, 1833, 1b.
 %John Ruttle, Private/Corporal, 2nd. (PL), 71 Co., Limerick, 1835
 %James Bowen, Private, 2nd. (PO), 71 Co., Devon, 1831, 1b.
 %William Trimlin, Private, 2nd. (PO), 86 Co., Wiltshire, 1835, 1b.
 %Thomas Kiddy, Private, 2nd. (CH), 21 Co. Suffolk, 1836, 1b. (Drowned 4/1/63 – buried RM cemetery SAJH)
 %John Taylor, Private, 2nd. (CH), 77 Co., Oxford, 1837, 1b. (1b. lost in 1859)
 %William Jeffries, Private, 1st. (CH), 49 Co., Berkshire, 1838, 1 b.
 %James Haynes, Private, 1st. (CH), 41 Co., Essex, 1837, 1b.
 %Thomas Heard, Private, (CH), 21 Co., Essex, 1830, 1 b., 1b.
 %John Edgecumbe, Private, 2nd. (PL), 99 Co., Devon, 1836
 John Griffiths, Private, 2nd. (PL), 3 Co., Cheshire, 1831
 %Joseph Claydon, Private, 2nd. (PO), 34 Co., Oxford, 1835
 %James Hockaday, Private, 1st. (PL), 31 Co., Devon, 1834, 1 b.
 %George Webber, Private, 1st. (PL), 71 Co., Somerset, 1837 1 b.
 %George Brown, Private, 2nd. (PO), 90 Co., Leicester, 1828, 3 b.
 %John Woolley, Private, 2nd. (PL), 83 Co., Manchester, 1836
 %William Bate, Private, 1st. (PL), 95 Co., Cornwall, 1836

27May60 San Juan Island

27Dec60 Bacchante Sv. at San Juan Island

New on Victualling List, Bacchante RMLI (Jan-March 1861)

George Hobbs, Private
 Joseph Cimlis, Private
 John Payne, Private
 %George Hall, Private (On the Victualling List, HMS Scout, San Juan, October-December 1872) 38/7120
 %William Parsons, Private
 %George Gibbett, Private

New on Victualling List, HMS Bacchante, Oct. 1 – Dec 31, 1861 (38/5648)

Joseph Curtis

Victualling List, H.M.S. Scout, 1October – 31 December 1872

Detachment San Juan carried on books.: 88 enlisted, 3 officers, 1 assistant surgeon